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The Steam-ship EUPHRATES, 650 tons, 120 H. P., Commander J. C. Shand, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 23rd November, at noon.

Leave Bombay	Nov. 23	Leave Galle	Dec. 1
" Carwar	" 25	" Negapatam	" 3
" Mangalore	" 26	" Pondicherry	" 4
" Cannanore	" 27	" Madras	" 6
" Calicut	" 27	" Coconada	" 8
" Beypore	" 27	" Visagapatam	" 9
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Leave Bombay	Saturday.	Leave Cochin	Friday.
" Rutnagherry	Sunday.	" Beypore	Saturday.
" Malwan	"	" Calicut	"
" Vingorla	"	" Tellicherry	"
" Goa	Monday.	" Cannanore	"
" Carwar	"	" Mangalore	Sunday.
" Gungla	"	" Honawar	"
" Mangalore	Tuesday.	" Carwar	"
" Cannanore	Wednesday.	" Goa	Tuesday.
" Tellicherry	"	" Vingorla	"
" Calicut	"	" Malwan	"
" Beypore	"	" Rutnagherry	Wednesday
Arrive Cochin	Thursday.	Arrive Bombay	Thursday.

The Steamer Lord Clyde, Captain Hewett, will be despatched according to the above table on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 P.M.

For freight and passage apply to

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No. 6, Borah Bazaar Street, 15th November, 1869.

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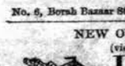
(via SUEZ CANAL.)



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Elphinstone Circle, 9th November, 1869.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Ship CITY OF AMOY, from Glasgow, are requested to send Boats alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain Murdoch without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the consignees.

W. NICOL & Co.,
Agents of Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 12th November, 1869.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO per Ship ANAZI, from London, are requested to send Boats alongside at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by Captain Hillman without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the consignees.

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Agents of Captain and Owners.

Bombay, 11th November, 1869.

NOTICE.—CONSIGNEES of CARGO per ship ARRACAN, Captain Strachen, arrived from Calcutta, are requested to despatch boats at once to take delivery, otherwise the same will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the consignees.

Delivery Orders, accompanied by Bills of Lading, to be first forwarded for our inspection and countersignature.

BELL, VENTZ, and LUCIUS,
Agents of the ship Arracan.

Bombay, 15th November, 1869.

NOTICE.—Consignees of CARGO per Ship LOUISA from London, are requested to send Boats for their respective goods without delay, failing which all Packages so soon as ready will be landed by the Captain at the risk and expense of the consignees.

Captain H. Scowcroft will not be responsible for the condition of any Package after it leaves the Ship's deck.

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Bombay, 15th November, 1869.

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No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

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Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 A.M. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

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ALFRED PARISH, Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay,
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Bombay, 16th November, 1869.

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Shareholders will be required to produce and deposit their Certificates four days previous to date of payment.

P. DEWAR, Attorney for Liquidator.

Bombay, 16th November, 1869.

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Resolved, that the Meeting immediately proceed to elect two additional Directors to act together with the present Board of Directors in the further management of the Company's business.

Resolved, that the compensation to each Director for attending the monthly Meetings of the Board be reduced to Rs. 15, and that Clause 55 of the Company's Deed of Partnership be, and is, hereby altered by substituting therein the words Rs. 15 instead of Rs. 30.

MARTIN, YOUNG, & Co., Managers.

Bombay, 17th November, 1869.

NOTICE is hereby given, that CHINTAMON GUNGADHUR JOSEE has agreed to mortgage his piece of ground, with the house and premises standing thereon, situate in Koombarwada Street, without the Fort of Bombay. The house is assessed under No. 22, and the ground is registered in the books of the Collector of Pension Tax under No. 454, and bounded on the east by the Oart of Turra Nalkeen, on the west by a public passage, on the north by the house of Gunput Purrychund, and on the south by the house of Bhasker Wiswanath. Any person having any claim to the said property, by way of mortgage, inheritance, or otherwise howsoever, should make the same known to me, the undersigned, at our office, in the Rampart Row, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the mortgage will be completed.—Dated this 17th day of November, 1869. MANSEY & Co.,
Mortgagee's Solicitors.

NOTICE is hereby given, that HAMABAEE, widow of the late HAJEE KHUMISSA bin MAHOMED PATEKAR, HAJEE YOOSUF MAHOMED bin HAJEE KHUMISSA, HAJEE VULLY bin HAJEE KHUMISSA, and HAJEE ALLY bin HAJEE KHUMISSA, have contracted to mortgage to me all that piece of Eazem daree land belonging to Pestonjee Shapoorjee, and containing by admeasurement 2 square yards or thereabouts, with messuage, tenement, or dwelling-house standing thereon, situate on the west side of the Rungaree Moola or Syed Abdool Rohiman street, outside the Fort of Bombay, and in the subdistrict of Mandvee, and is bounded on the east by the said Syed Ahmed Rahimon street, on the west by a public passage, on the north by the range of Dhunjee Dokeeda, and on the south by the house of Hamed Essa, and the said house is assessed under No. 30 by the Collector of Assessment, and stands in his books in the name of Hajee Khumissa bin Hajee Mahomed Patekar. All persons who have any claim against the said property, by way of inheritance, mortgage, or otherwise are requested to make the same known to the undersigned, in writing, at his residence, No. 24, Bhoolehwar street, without the Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the mortgage will be completed and the claim made thereafter will be regarded as null and void.

ATMARAM MOOLCHUND.

Bombay, 17th November, 1869.

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NOTICES.

BOMBAY HOCKEY CLUB.—A GYMKHANA will be held on SATURDAY, the 20th inst., in the Oval, Esplanade, when the Programme of Sports will be as follows :—

4-0 P.M.—Tilting at Ring and Tent-pegging. Open to all.
4-30.—Tatto Race with Hockey Balls.
4-45.—Match at Hockey, Blues vs. Whites.
5-5.—Bicycle Race, for a Cup. Open to all Europeans. Entrance Rs. 5.
5-20.—Tattoo Hurdle Race. Hockey height, 13 hands. Open to Members of the B. H. C. and Officers of H. M.'s 2nd Queen's Regiment. Owners up.
5-30.—Hurdle Race, half mile. Open to all Soldiers and Sailors. 1st Prize, Rs. 15; 2nd, Rs. 10; 3rd, Rs. 5.

Entries for the Bicycle and Tattoo Races to be sent in to the undersigned by 5 P.M. on Wednesday, 17th.

By the kind permission of Col. Rice and Officers the Band of the 2nd Queen's Regiment will play on the ground.

There will a Tent and Refreshments for Ladies.

DONALD GRAHAM,
Honorary Secretary B. H. C.

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NOTICE of REMOVAL.

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J. & W. WATSON & Co.

1st November, 1869.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the RIGHT to OCCUPY the plot of VACANT LAND situate in Trimbuck Purushram Street and at Mazagon, and the privilege of taking the Fruits of different trees standing on Government ground situate in different villages in the Mahim District, will be put up to PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Collector's Office, Elphinstone Circle, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th November, 1869, at 1 P.M.

Terms of Sale and other particulars may be learnt on application.

J. KING,
Acting Collector.

Bombay, Collector's Office, 19th October, 1869.

AN EXTENSIVE COLLIERY in NORTH WALES, shipping at Birkenhead, Port of Liverpool, is desirous of appointing an AGENT for the SALE of their STEAM COAL, which is on The Admiralty List and that of the Indian Council, The Peninsular and Oriental S. N. Co., Great Indian Peninsular Railway Co., &c., &c.

Address, stating prospects of business, Commission required, and giving references in London and Liverpool, A. C., 48, South John Street, Liverpool.

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THE BYCULLA STUDIO.

NOTICE.—Mr. STRETTON has much pleasure in announcing the OPENING of the above STUDIO THIS DAY. Its position, removed from the business part of the City, and standing in a large Compound, not only affords every facility for the exercise of the Photographic Art, but materially conduces to the comfort and convenience of the Public; by Ladies the private character of the establishment, and its internal arrangements, will be particularly appreciated. Constructed at a considerable outlay for securing perfect lighting and ventilation it is peculiarly adapted to the requirements of this climate, the temperature rarely exceeding that of any other part of the house.

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MESSRS. ROSSELET & Co., with the view of CLOSING their RETAIL BUSINESS, have from THIS DAY considerably REDUCED their PRICES all round, and invite intending purchasers to avail themselves of this opportunity for BUYING at a LOW RATE, for cash only.

On MONDAY, the 8th of DECEMBER next, to begin at 10 A.M., Two Days will be devoted to the following days.

DINSHAW HORMUSJEE and COMPANY, Actioneers, are instructed to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, at R. & Co.'s premises, No. 5, Medow Street, Fort, if not disposed of previously by private sale, a very valuable stock, comprising—

Gold Watches, plain and fancy.
Gold (15 K.) Jewellery, a large stock of London make, such as Bracelets, Earrings, Brooches, Lockets, Sleeve Links, Rings for Ladies and Gentlemen, &c., &c.
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Musical Boxes in great variety, and a whole stock of Fancy Goods.

Catalogues, giving full particulars, will soon be issued.

The Goods will be ready for inspection, every day, from 9 o'clock A.M. to 5 o'clock P.M., during the week preceding the Auction sale.

Rajahs and other wealthy Native Gentlemen living in the interior of the country will find it to their advantage in sending Assignees to the sale, or their Agents in Bombay. The assortment containing many costly and rich articles, set with precious stones of all kinds.

R. & Co. continue to undertake the REPAIRS of Watches, Jewellery, Clocks, Musical-boxes, &c., as hitherto, until the 31st of January 1870.

All Debtors of the Firm, both Up-country and in Bombay, are requested to remit without delay the balance of their accounts.

Bombay, 15th November, 1869. ROSSELET & Co.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SHARE MARKET.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

MARKET opened with brisk demands for Elphinstones, Colabas, and Mazagons, but in the afternoon there was a fall and they closed at Rs. 1,020, 1,820 and 1,320, respectively, for time.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Number of Shares.	Nomi. value of sh.	Paid up.	Last divi-dend.	Names.	Cash Rates per Share.
	Rs.	Rs.	p. a.		
100,000	100	all	10 p.ct.	Agra Bank	115
22,000	1,000	all	8 p.ct.	Bank of Bengal	1550
10,000	500	all	8 p.ct.	Ditto of Bombay New	617½
10,000	500	all	...	Ditto 2nd Ess. Issue	320
5,250	1,000	all	12 p.ct.	Ditto of Madras	1,550
80,000	250	all	6 p.ct.	Chartered Mercantile Bk. of E. I. & China	340
40,000	200	all	6 do.	Chartered Bk. of I. & C.	190
37,000	250	12	6 do.	National Bank of India	134
60,000	250	all	12 do.	Oriental Bank	440

LAND COMPANIES.

4,000	3,000	all	Rs. 65	Colaba Land Co.	1,765
10,000	1,000	all	Rs. 10	Elph'st'ne Land	1,010
10,800	1,000	65	,, 11-14	Do. New	640
8,000	150	all	Nil	Frere Land & Pier Co. Ld	198
2,400	5,000	4,16	Nil	Mazagon Land	1,255
5,000	2,000	1,48	Nil	Port Canning	360

PRESS COMPANIES.

150	5,000	2,250	35 p.a.	Akbar Cotton Press Co.	2,300
200	2,500	1,150	do.	Albert Co. Karrachee	550
250	300	85	6 do.	Alexandra Press Co.	525
...	12,000	11,000	20 do.	Apollo Press Co.	8,600
200	2,500	all	37 50	Bombay Press Co.	2,675
200	500	all	93 do.	Do. New	525
500	1,388	all	90 do.	Colaba Press Co.	8,600
350	2,000	all	...	East India Press Co.	1,100
150	8,500	all	1000	Fort Press Co.	9,870
300	2,000	1,800	...	Framji Cowasji Press	1,100
200	6,000	all	240 p.a.	Hydraulic Press Co.	3,150
1000	5,000	2,000	100 p.a.	Kurrachee Press Co.	820
2,500	1,000	500	...	Mofus. Press & G. Co.	250
125	2,500	all	250*	Prince of Wales Press	3,000
225	2,000	750	200 p.a.	Victoria Press, Madras	1,100
150	2,000	all	...	Timevelly Press Co.	1,625

(* Per share for the half-year.)

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

...	£20	18.3.1	5 p.c.	G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock	235
...	£8	109.1.5	do.	Do. New £20 shares	198
...	£4	43.10.2	do.	Do.	...
...	£40	1,080	do.	B. B. & C. I. Railway Co.	1,100
...	£18	196.5.1	do.	Do. New Shares	195

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

400	2,000	1,700	50	Albert Mills Co.	820
300	2,500	all	90 p.a.	Alliance Spinning	1,680
100	5,500	all	...	Bombay	2,890
200	1,000	all	10 p.c.	Bombay United	735
800	500	all	...	Broach Mills	260
300	5,000	all	...	Coorla Spinning	2,600
750	2,000	all	150 p.a.	Great Eastern	1,370
500	1,000	all	50	Manockji Petit's	715
9,200	2,500	all	...	Oriental	1,270
600	2,500	2,300	...	Royal	1,375

(* For the half-year.)

MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—NOVEMBER 17.

Wilson, Colonel, Deputy Adjutant General Bengal Army, on leave, from Simla.

Tobin, Assistant Surgeon, 14th Brigade Royal Artillery, on duty, from Deolalee.

Chamber, Lieutenant, 8th Regiment N. I., on sick certificate, from Belgaum.

Bell, Surgeon, Medical Department, on privilege leave, from Poona.

Hall, Captain, Royal Artillery, on duty, from Secunderabad.

Hudleston, Lieutenant, Madras Staff Corps, on sick certificate, from Chanda.

DEPARTURES.—NOVEMBER 17.

Wilson, Colonel, Deputy Adjutant General Bengal Army, to rejoin, to Simla.

Stapleton, Ensign, 1-19th Regiment, to join, to Rawul Pindee.

BOMBAY ARMY GENERAL ORDERS.

By His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Poona, 16th November, 1869.

With reference to G.O.C. No. 441, 12th May last, Ensign Lynch was appointed second Wing Subaltern, 14th Regiment N. I., on probation, instead of attached, as therein stated.

Major F. S. Cornewall, Staff Corps, is transferred from General Duty, Poona, to General Duty, Ahmedabad.

Major Cornewall will travel at the public expense.

Official notification has been received by Captain Gwyn, 2nd Foot, having on his recent promotion been posted to the 1st Battalion of the Regiment.

In continuation of G. O. C. No. 851 of the 20th September last, the following Officers have been detailed for duty with their regimental depots, their services being available for duty with troops during the voyage to England.

2nd Battalion 1st Foot.

Lieutenant L. E. Miller.

1st Battalion 2nd Foot.

Captain E. H. Helyar,
Lieutenant G. A. Scott.

1st Battalion 8th Foot.

Lieutenant M. Stourton.
Lieutenant W. S. Sinkins.

1st Battalion 21st Foot.

Lieutenant J. Croker.

108th Foot.

Captain W. F. Worster.
Lieutenant S. W. Graham.
Lieutenant E. Lloyd.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

(*Gazette of India*, Nov. 13.)

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The Governor General in Council is pleased to delegate to the Chief Commissioner of Coorg the powers conferred upon a Local Government by Sections 23, 38, 49, 51, 390, 394, 395, 396, and 397 of Act XXV. of 1861.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

In supersession of the General Order in this Department, dated 23rd April 1869, No. 117, the following Notification is issued:—

Lieutenant F. A. Wilson, R.A., Aide-de-Camp to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, to officiate as Adjutant of the Deolee Irregular Force, until further orders.

Lieutenant D. W. K. Barr, Bombay Staff Corps, Assistant for Boundary Settlements in Bhopal, to officiate as 3rd Assistant Agent to the Governor General for Central India, in the room of Lieutenant C. W. Barton, transferred to Rajpootana.

Lieutenant F. H. Maitland, of Her Majesty's 4th Hussars, Officiating Boundary Settlement Officer in Bundelcund, to officiate as Assistant for Boundary settlements in Bhopal, in the room of Lieutenant Barr.

Surgeon H. R. Oswald, M.D., attached to the Mysore Commission, has been granted preparatory leave of absence for 15 days from the 2nd October 1869, or from such date as he may avail himself of it, to enable him to proceed to Madras for the purpose of obtaining a final medical certificate to Europe.

Mr. W. O. B. McMahon, Extra Assistant Commissioner in Oudh, to be Assistant Commissioner of the 3rd Grade in that Province, in the room of Lieutenant L. R. Battye, whose services have been placed at the disposal of the Military Department.

Baron John Bentinck to be an Extra Assistant Commissioner in Oudh in the room of Mr. W. O. B. McMahon.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Mr. A. C. Grigor, Controller of the Money Order Department, Calcutta, resigned his appointment on the 27th August 1869.

Mr. E. Kole received charge of the office of Deputy Accountant General, British Burmah, from Mr. C. R. Kiernander on the forenoon of the 18th ultimo.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Major George Croumelin Hankin, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Commandant, 4th Bengal Cavalry, is allowed furlough to Europe, on medical certificate, for two years.

Ensign John Douglas Hallett, of the 101st Foot, Quarter Master, 40th (The Shahjehanpore) Regiment of Native Infantry, is admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps, with effect from the 28th July 1868, subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of State for India.

Ensign Hallett, will rank as Lieutenant in that corps with effect from the 28th July 1868, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

Cornet Henry Stanley Williamson, of the 5th Lancers, 2nd Squadron Subaltern, 5th Bengal Cavalry, is admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps, with effect from the 21st Sept. 1868, subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of State for India.

Cornet Williamson will rank as Lieutenant in that corps with effect from the 21st September 1868, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

The undermentioned Officers are admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps, with effect from the dates specified opposite their respective names, subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of State for India:—

Ensign, now Lieutenant, John William O'Callaghan, of the 11th Foot, 2nd Wing Subaltern, 36th (The Bareilly) Regiment of Native Infantry,—7th September 1868.

Ensign Robert Tomkyns Hawkes, of the 7th Foot, 2nd Wing Subaltern, 35th (The Mynpoorie) Regiment of Native Infantry,—24th September 1868.

Lieutenant George Fred'ric Churchill, of the 106th Foot, 2nd Wing Subaltern, 1st Goorkha Regiment,—5th October 1868.

Ensign O'Callaghan to rank as Lieutenant in the Staff Corps from the 7th September 1868, and Ensign Hawkes from the 24th September 1868.

Lieutenants Charles St. John Burren Barnett and Alexander George Ross, of the Bengal Staff Corps, having completed twelve years' service, are promoted to the rank of Captain, from the 4th November 1869, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

The following promotions and alterations of rank are made, subject to Her Majesty's approval:—

PROMOTIONS.

Lieutenant F. A Darley, Staff Corps, General List Infantry, to be Captain, from 17th August 1869, in the room of Captain F. Van Ingen Sperling, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 5th European Regiment, deceased.

Lieutenant-Colonel, Brevet-Colonel, Henry Milne, Infantry, to be Colonel, from 25th August 1869, agreeably to Clause 2, paragraph 61, of Secretary of State's despatch published in G. G. O. No. 808 of 1866.

Major, Captain in Staff Corps, S. A. T. Judge, Infantry, to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain A. B. Melville, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 67th N. I., to be Major; and Lieutenant Thomas Henry Tyrwhitt Drake, General List, Infantry, to be Captain, from 25th August 1869, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel, Brevet-Colonel, H. Milne, promoted.

Major J. B. Cox, Staff Corps, Infantry, to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain, Major in Staff Corps, H. B. Urmston, Cadre of the late 62nd N. I., to be Major; and Lieutenant Henry Edgcumbe Eliot, General List, Infantry, to be Captain, from 25th August 1869, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel, Captain in Staff Corps, S. A. T. Judge, removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major C. F. Packe, Staff Corps, Infantry, to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain W. C. Mitchell, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 4th N. I., to be Major; and Lieutenant Fleetwood Reskeith Williams, General List, Infantry, to be Captain, from 25th August 1869, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel, Major in Staff Corps, J. B. Cox, removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major, Captain, Staff Corps, J. H. Jenkins, Infantry to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain A. H. Bramley, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 4th N. I., to be Major; and Lieutenant Alfred Reginald Wilkinson, General List, Infantry, to be Captain, from 25th Aug. 1869, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel, Major in Staff Corps, C. F. Packe, removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major, Lieutenant-Colonel in Staff Corps, C. Irvine, Infantry, to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain, Major in Staff Corps, G. Hamilton, Cadre of the late 51st N. I., to be Major; and Lieutenant C. E. Macaulay, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 51st N. I., to be Captain, from 25th Aug. 1869, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel, Captain in Staff Corps, J. H. Jenkins, removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major A. Ellis, Staff Corps, Infantry, to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain, Major in Staff Corps, F. A. Dickins, Cadre of the late 31st N. I., to be Major; and Lieutenant Francis Henry Thomas, General List, Infantry, to be Captain, from 25th Aug. 1869, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel G. Irvine, Staff Corps, removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major Philip Sydney Yorke, Infantry, to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain William Astell Franks, Cadre of the late 12th N. I. to be Major; Lieutenant Charles Owen Wynne Apperley, General List, Infantry, to be Captain, from 25th Aug. 1869, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Major in Staff Corps, A. Ellis, removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels.

Lieutenant H. B. Hanna, Staff Corps, General List, Infantry, to be Captain, from 2nd October 1869, in the room of Captain A. B. Chalmers, deceased.

Lieutenant E. P. Ommaney, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 45th N. I., to be Captain, from 14th October 1869, in the room of Captain W. F. Edwards, Staff Corps, placed on the Retired List.

Lieutenant George David Reid, General List, Infantry, to be Captain, from 16th October 1869, in the room of Captain H. W. Williams, Cadre of the late 64th N. I., deceased.

Major William Babington Pelle, Infantry, to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain Ralph Bristow Dundas, Cadre of the late 38th N. I., to be Major; and Lieutenant G. B. Stevens, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 38th N. I., to be Captain, from 22nd October 1869, in the room of Lieutenant Colonel E. Thomas, deceased.

ALTERATIONS OF RANK.

Captain E. G. Wace, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 33rd N. I., to rank from 10th November 1868, in the room of Captain, Lieutenant Colonel in Staff Corps, G. B. Malleson, promoted.

Captain William Benjamin Aislabie, General List, Infantry, 23rd June 1869, in the room of Captain, Major in Staff Corps, C. M. Longmore, late 33rd N. I., promoted.

Captain Arthur John Tregonwell Welchman, General List, Infantry, 5th July 1869, in the room of Captain W. B. Aislabie, General List, Infantry, whose rank has been altered.

Captain William Fane Tucker, General List, Infantry, 16th July 1869, in the room of Captain J. T. Welchman, General List, Infantry, whose rank has been altered.

Captain William Hopkinson, General List, Infantry, 13th August 1869, in the room of Captain W. F. Tucker, General List, Infantry, whose rank has been altered.

Memorandum.—The promotion of Lieutenant (Captain in Staff Corps) C. F. Battye, late 33rd Native Infantry (retired) to Regimental Captain, published in G. G. O. No. 336 of 1869, is hereby cancelled.

PUNJAB FRONTIER FORCE,—2nd Sikh Infantry.

Captain H. M. Pratt, Adjutant, 4th Sikh Infantry, and Officiating Wing Officer, 6th Punjab Infantry, to be Wing Officer, vice Captain S. Beckett, appointed to another situation.

Captain Pratt, Wing Officer, will officiate as 2nd in Command and Wing Officer of the 2nd Sikh Infantry during the absence on sick leave to Europe of Major R. D'O. C. Bracken, or until further orders.

Under the authority of the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State for India, the name of Captain John Skynner Walters, of the Bengal Staff Corps, is removed from the list of the Bengal Army, with effect from the 8th November 1869, and that officer will receive the half pay pension of his rank.

Lieutenant Arthur Herbert Bagge, of the Royal Engineers, Executive Engineer Bundelcund Canals, Department of Public Works, North-Western Provinces, is permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs for two years, embarking at Bombay.

With reference to the Notification issued by the Government of Bengal, dated 26th October 1869, the services of Assistant Surgeon F. M. Mackenzie, Officiating House Surgeon of the Medical College Hospital, are placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Wright, of the Bengal Staff Corps, is promoted to the rank of Colonel by Brevet from the 5th September 1869, subject to Her Majesty's approval.

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY VOLUNTEER RIFLE CORPS.
Howrah, 3 Companies.
To be Captains.

Messrs. E. Healy, W. Comrie, and C. H. Denham.

To be Lieutenants.

Messrs. R. Pearce, G. Provis, and W. McPherson.

To be Ensigns.

Messrs. E. W. Hart, S. Young, and H. Hunter.

The appointment of the above officers is subject to their passing an examination in drill.

The following promotions and alterations of rank are made, subject to Her Majesty's approval:—

PROMOTIONS.

Major E. K. O. Gilbert, Staff Corps, Infantry, to be Lieut.-Colonel, from 6th May 1869, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. Cuppage, removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels.

Captain, Major in Staff Corps, J. M. Graham, Cadre of the late 27th Native Infantry, to be Major; and Lieutenant, Captain in Staff Corps, J. R. Pearson, Cadre of the late 27th Native Infantry, to be Captain, from 6th May 1869, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel H. C. Cuppage, removed from the List of Regimental Lieutenant-Colonels.

Lieutenant James Nisbet Steel, General List, Infantry, to be Captain, Nov. 8, 1869, in the room of Captain J. S. Walters, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 28th Native Infantry, removed from the service.

ALTERATIONS OF RANK.

Captain J. W. McQueen, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 27th Native Infantry, to rank from Oct. 27, 1868, in the room of Captain, Major in Staff Corps, E. Hyndman, deceased.

Major E. K. O. Gilbert, Staff Corps, and Captain J. Miller, Staff Corps, Cadre of the late 27th Native Infantry, to rank from 1st Nov. 1, 1868, in the room of Major N. E. Boileau, Staff Corps, promoted.

The promotion of Captain, Major in the Staff Corps, E. Hyndman, Cadre of the late 27th Native Infantry, deceased, to Regimental Major and Lieutenant-Colonel, published in G. G. O. Nos 1174 of 1868 and 844 of 1869, is hereby cancelled.

The undermentioned Officers are permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough on private affairs:—

Lieutenant-Colonel Frederick John Davies, Infantry, Executive Engineer, Burdwan Division, Department Public Works,—for two years, under the Regulations of 1868.

Captain William Winson, of the Bengal Staff Corps, Commandant, 18th, the Alipore Regiment of Native Infantry,—for two years, under the Regulations of 1868, embarking at Bombay.

Lieutenant William Verner Ellis, of the 36th Foot, 1st Wing Subaltern, 19th Punjab Regiment of Native Infantry, is admitted to the Bengal Staff Corps, with effect from the 21st October 1868, subject to the confirmation of the Secretary of State for India.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Ward, Infantry, is permitted to retire from the service on the pension of his rank from the 27th November 1869.

The services of Ensign L. J. H. Grey, of Her Majesty's 3rd Buffs, Officiating Aide-de-Camp to the Hon'ble the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, are replaced at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, with effect from the 1st November 1869, inclusive.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. G. J. Perram, a Civil Engineer under covenant with the Secretary of State for India in Council, having reported his arrival at Madras, is posted to Mysore, and will be placed on the establishment of the Public Works Department as an Assistant Engineer of the 3rd Grade, with effect from the date on which he may join his appointment.

The following Civil Engineers under covenant with the Secretary of State for India in Council, having reported their arrival in Calcutta, are posted as follows, and will be placed on the establishment of the Public Works Department as Assistant Engineers of the 3rd Grade, with effect from the date on which they may join their respective appointments:—

To Bengal.

Messrs. W. H. Wells, C. Thompson, W. B. Christie and J. M. Campion.

To the North-Western Provinces.

Messrs. W. Atkins, J. H. Thornhill, W. G. Bligh, and C. J. Lockwood.

To the Punjab.

Messrs. F. L. Brown, L. Heath, D. M'Mordie, and A. B. Phelan.

Ensign E. C. Elliston, Her Majesty's 58th Foot, Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, is transferred from Bengal to the Punjab, and Mr. F. R. Upcott, Assistant Engineer, 3rd Grade, from the Punjab to Bengal.

Mr. H. Gwyther, Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade Central India, has passed the Departmental Standard Examination in Hindoostanee.

GENERAL ORDERS BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA.

Head Quarters, Sahee-ki-Huttee, 8th November 1869.

Under instructions from the Government of India, the Eastern Battery of Artillery will be disbanded without delay. The Officers and men will be disposed of under orders that will be communicated to the General Officer the commanding the Eastern Frontier District. The Ordnance Equipment, Arms, &c., will be made over to the Ordnance Department, and the Elephants to the Commissariat Department at once.

With reference to G. O. C. C., dated 12th October 1869, para. 3, the following Officers are appointed to serve on the Committee of General Management, Soldiers' Industrial Exhibition, Meean Meer:—

PRESIDENT.

Major General D. Rainier, commanding Lahore Division.

MEMBERS.

Officer commanding Royal Artillery at Meean Meer.
Officers commanding Batteries of ditto at ditto.
Officers commanding regiments of British Infantry, and Native Cavalry and Infantry at Meean Meer.
Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Lahore Circle.
The Executive Engineer, Meean Meer.
The Executive Commissariat Officer ditto,
Major G. H. Basevi, 21st Native Infantry.
Captain W. Galbraith, 85th Foot.
Quartermaster F. L. Tucker, Royal Artillery.

SECRETARY.

Captain J. Duncan, 102nd Foot.

The Commander-in-Chief is pleased to make the following appointments:—

Murree Convalescent Depot.—Local Lieutenant Colonel P. A. Mosse, of the 6th Foot, to be Commandant, with effect from the 10th of November 1869, when Colonel Blackall, 1st Battalion 7th Royal Fusiliers, will rejoin his Battalion, on its being transferred to another Presidency.

Landour Convalescent Depot.—Captain R. D. Austruther, 106th Foot, to be Station Staff Officer, vice Captain Rind who has obtained leave to England, on medical certificate. Dated 27th October 1869.

10th Bengal Cavalry.—Cornet S. D. Barrow, from officiating 1st Squadron Subaltern, on probation, 13th Bengal Cavalry, to be 2nd Squadron Subaltern, on probation, vice Saunders, permitted to resign the appointment. Dated 22nd October 1869.

The undermentioned Candidates are reported to have passed the Lower Standard in Hindoostanee on the 4th ultimo:—

Cornets L. G. Mundy, and E. E. Lushington, 11th Hussars.

The undermentioned Officers have leave of absence:—

4th Hussars.—Lieutenant H. H. F. Gifford, to remain at Simla, from the 11th to the 31st October, on medical certificate, in extension.

5th Lancers.—Veterinary Surgeon E. Stanley, to England, overland, to appear before a medical board.

Royal Artillery.—Lieutenant J. S. Biscoe, C. Battery, 19th Brigade, to remain at Roorkee, from the 30th September to the 3rd October, on medical certificate, in extension of privilege leave.

11th Foot, 1st Battalion.—Captain and Local Major G. T. Osborn, to remain in Calcutta, from the 15th October to the 10th December, on private affairs, in extension.

Assistant Surgeon G. W. Barroll, to Bombay, for one month, from the 18th October, on medical certificate, to appear before a medical board.

14th Foot, 1st Battalion.—Lieutenant T. F. Carlyon, to England, for eight months, from date of embarkation, on private affairs.

21st Foot, 2nd Battalion.—Captain W. C. Ralston, to England, for six months, from date of embarkation, on urgent private affairs.

45th Foot.—Lieutenant E. L. H. Kyle, to England, overland, from date of embarkation, to appear before a medical board.

58th Foot.—Captain W. D. Bond, to England, for fifteen months, from date of embarkation, on urgent private affairs.

60th Foot, 2nd Battalion.—Captain J. R. Crane, to Bombay, for one month, from date of departure, to appear before a medical board.

104th Foot.—Captain C. M. Boswell, to England, on private affairs, for fifteen months, from date of embarkation, doing duty with troops, should his services be required.

107th Foot.—Captain M. McN. Rind, to England overland, to appear before a medical board.

4th Bengal Cavalry.—Lieutenant Colonel G. C. Hankin, commanding, to Calcutta, from the 23rd October to the 22nd November, to appear before a medical board.

14th Bengal Cavalry.—Lieutenant R. Eardly-Wilmot, Adjutant, to remain at Simla, from the 15th October to the 15th November, on medical certificate, in extension, under the rules of 1868.

3rd Native Infantry.—Lieutenant H. P. Kirke, for one day, the 15th October, in extension of privilege leave, to enable him to rejoin.

39th Native Infantry.—Lieutenant F. M. M. Harris, General List, Infantry, from the 10th to the 11th October in extension, under the rules of 1868.

Unattached List.—Captain J. Hopkins, doing duty 36th Native Infantry, to Allahabad, on private affairs, from the 1st November 1869, to the 30th April 1870, under the rules of 1796.

SHIPPING.

DAILY REPORT—17TH NOVEMBER.

London	Cotton	£2 5s. Od.	Nom. p. ton
	Cases	£2 0s. Od. to £2 5s. Od.	,,
	Seeds	£1 10s. Od.	,,
	Iron Ships Cotton	£1 12s. 6d. to £1 15s. Od.	,,
Liverpool	Wooden Ships	£1 15s. Od.	
	Myrabolns & Coir bdls	£0 10s. Od. to £0 12s. 6d.	
	Seeds	£0 15s. Od. to £1 0s. Od.	
Havre	Cotton	£2 0s. Od.	Nominal
	Coffee	Nominal	
Overland	Steamers	£3 0s. Od.	
China	Steamer Cotton	Rs. 3 to 4	per bale.
	Opium	Rs. 25 to 30	per chest.
	Sailing Ships	Nominal	
Calcutta	Salt	Rs. 3 0 0 to 4 0 0	per ton.
Calcutta to Bombay		Rs. 13 to 14 and Calcutta Port Charges	
Mauritius		8 annas per bag nominal.	

ARRIVALS.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
17	Lord Clyde (s)	Hewitt	Cutch, Nov. 12.
	Taptee (s)	Drewitz	Cutch, Nov. 12.
	Rockligit	Evans	Liverpool, July 28.

DEPARTURES.

Nov.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
17	Sir J. R. Carnac (s)	Guizelar	Dwarka.
	Decision	Stanhope	Rangoon.

INTELLIGENCE.

Per steamer Lord Clyde, from Cutch, spoke the steamers Tilly Pearl, and Taptee.

MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.—November 12th, Peri, J. Westwater, Nagore.

MR. BARNARD begs to inform the MERCHANTS and BANKERS of Bombay of the ARRIVAL of his CARBONIZED PENS, and that they will shortly be submitted to their notice.

Bombay, 8th November, 1869.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

SEXTON—November 17th, at Bombay, the wife of Captain J. M. Sexton, Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General, of a daughter.

MADRAS.

MARRIAGES.

HUNTER—JOHNSTON—November 11th, at Saint George's Cathedral, Madras, by the Rev. G. Warlow, Captain John Norris Hunter, Royal Engineers, to Letitia Eliza Johnston, eldest daughter of General Charles Cornwallis Johnston, Royal Engineers, (retired list).

MILLER—ADDIS—November 10th, at St. Andrews' Church, Madras, by the Rev. A. Clarke, Mr. Samuel A. Miller, Planter Wynaad, to Alison Addis, third daughter of the late Mr. William Addis, Edinburgh.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTHS.

DEANE—November 2nd, at Bhawulpore, the wife of J. R. Deane, Civil Surgeon, of a daughter.

GRAHAM—November 10th, at Fyzabad, the wife of Captain A. W. Graham, 38th N. I., of a daughter.

TOMKYNS—November 10th, at Bareilly, the wife of Dr. A. P. Tomkyns, of a daughter.

NORTON—November 10th, at Kussowlie, the wife of Mr. R. Norton, of a daughter.

DERENZY—November 12th, at Allahabad, the wife of James Harward DeRenzy, Esq., C. S., D. P. W., of a son and heir.

MARRIAGE.

WOODHOUSE—BATSON—November 6th, at Dinapore, by the Rev. W. A. Duke, Lieutenant H. O. Woodhouse, 105th L. I., son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel R. R. Woodhouse, Bombay Army, to Lydia Charlotte Batson, youngest daughter of the late Stanlake Henry Batson, Esq., M. D., Surgeon Major, Retired Bengal Medical Service.

DEATH.

RAY—November 7th, at Agra, Emily Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ray, aged six years, eight months, and twenty-three days.

NOTICE.

All CHEQUES, MONEY ORDERS, and other Remittances sent to this office, should be made payable to the "Proprietor of the *Bombay Gazette*."

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1869.

In the rage for saving candle ends which now prevails in India, and which seems, by the way, to be inspired by the prudential resolve to fly at the lowest game, much as Mr. Winkle, in the memorable brawl at Ipswich, on finding that he must light some one to save his credit selected a very small boy for his antagonist, one very material consideration appears either to be forgotten, or else consistently ignored. We mean the vast rise in prices which, in this Presidency at any rate, has affected everything which has any relation to the European's pocket. While the rates of remuneration have maintained, speaking generally, their adherence to the old land marks, the cost of food, rent, travelling, clothes, household sundries, and the wages of servants, and coolies, with cart hire, and such like sources of expenditure, have risen hundreds *per cent.* Junior Officials therefore, who have lately been pounced upon by the myrmidons of retrenchment, and plucked of sundry allowances, and time-honoured privileges, thus find their incomes set alight at both ends, and either end blazing merrily. And it is, as we have hinted above, mainly upon them that the late stringent enactments have fallen: leaving Chief Secretaries, Judges, Collectors, Bishops, Commanders-in-Chief, Commissioners, and the occupants of other snug covenanted civil appointments, all unshorn, and, for all we know, unthreatened. Take the recent order with respect to travelling allowances—which, very naturally, have been long regarded as a direct portion of an official's income, though labouring under a distinct, cumbrous denomination—and how hard its terms sound. Originally, this allowance was continued when the drawee happened to go on a week's, or a fortnight's, or a month's leave on private affairs, or for purposes of health. Now it is ruled that, at such periods, it is to be withheld. But what amount of saving will this trumpery expedient secure to the Government? And yet on the other hand, how serious will be its straitening effects upon the individuals who will suffer by it. On such occasions, the expenses of an official are greatly increased. He has, while maintaining his establishment behind him, to incur the cost of travelling expenses for himself and servant; besides the burden of hotel bills, and the other hundred and one sources of expense, which spring up at such times, and cut deep slices out of his travelling exchequer. To deprive him of a third or fourth of his usual income, at such a period, is a measure which cannot fail to be regarded as an outright hardship by those concerned; and especially by those drawing the junior gradations' pay; while the effect upon the revenues will probably be barely worth the pointing out. As we hold it to be a maxim that willing, loyal, contented, we might even say, affectionate service is a thing well worth paying for, and as such ordinances as these can only be purchased at the cost of impairing that loyalty, and affection, it is impossible to regard them, or their like with much confidence, or to speak of them with commendation. It should never be forgotten by the press, whose privilege it is to champion the weak and unrepresented, that the orders and regulations which are imposed upon the great, but incoherent body of uncovenanted Civilians in India, are, if not actually promulgated by, at any rate often initiated, and always influenced, by the covenanted element in the gubernatorial councils; and that therefore, any sweeping enactment such as this, may fairly be received with a considerable amount of suspicion. Clanship in India, is not yet defunct by a long way; and the retrenching energy of a body whose own privileges are guaranteed by Act of Parliament, cannot but be tinged with a *soupçon* of that spurious disinterestedness, which distinguished the famous rustic, who, for half a crown, granted permission to a cockney sportsman to fire both barrels into a flock of geese which belonged to somebody else. This example too, is only one of many,—while, as we began by saying, the woes of the sufferers are incessantly receiving aggravation from the rise in price of almost every necessity of existence. In Bombay, we all know what the cost of living is and was. But in Bombay we have many compensations. Change the scene to the Mofussil, and take a young official on Rs. 400 or Rs. 500 a month, and there, cut off from all society the greater part of the year, from friends, news, books, amusements, shops, medical advice, and the like, it does seem piteous that the "Poor Richard" resource of putting by money should be almost denied to him. Yet, in effect, so it is. Let us glance at his expenses. And, be it remembered, he is, in all departments, called upon to work hard and zealously; to show, by periodical returns, the amount of work done, the amount of ground gone over, the uttermost farthing of public money expended, and not only to preserve order and honesty in his camp, but to be far above all possible suspicion of malpractices in the way of accepting any of those "considerations" which the Native is everywhere so very ready to offer, when the work which the official has to carry out runs at all counter to his interests. Remembering all this, and the isolated conditions of his existence, glance at his legitimate expenses *per* month. We must premise that there are several matters which, in a cantonment, can be dispensed with by the economical, which, to one embarking on a six months range into the jungle, are absolutely indispensable. Well, in three cases, out of five, it is needful to keep on a house in the station all the year round, to secure a retreat in the rains. As however, the rule is not general, we will only assess this at Rs. 20 a month. Then (say) one horse (active work *necessitates* two) at Rs. 30 (present members of Council, in *their* young days, paid about Rs. 20, and, for all other matters in proportion, a *less* proportion in many cases)—Butler Rs. 15; mussaul Rs. 9; dhobie Rs. 9; cook Rs. 12; sweeper Rs. 7; bheestie Rs. 10. (If studying the languages, a moonshie or pundit, on Rs. 35 or Rs. 40 at the lowest). A *shikari*, to enable him to shoot his dinner, Rs. 10. Then, as he has to carry all his stores with him, he will, with tents, and equipage, require about five carts whenever he moves. Say he only travels 40 miles a month—then at (say) 3½ annas per 2 miles equal to Rs. 4-8 by 5 equal to Rs. 21-14 a month for carts, leaving out the cost of *coolie* hire, for sundry purposes. Add cost of living, of ammunition, of beaters, and *et ceteras* of sorts, and although low calculations have been made, we get something between Rs. 250 and Rs. 300 a month; and when it is remembered that, for this, that, or the other cause, most young men in India make remittances home, and when it is considered, too, that life in an Indian jungle, alternated by four months in a small station during the monsoon, is usually held to be compensated for by the power of laying up provision for failing health, or future retirement, marriage, or what not, it can be hardly held to be noble sport for economists to fly at the two penny pittance of Rs. 80, or Rs. 100 a month, which, after the due discharge of all his bills, the young official, on his Rs. 400 a month, can save over and above from his pay. It would be different had the rates of pay kept pace with the rise in prices. We do not say that all these young men have a great grievance; but we do say that, in the face of the comparatively, colossal salaries left untouched elsewhere, their solitary little ewe lambs might also be left in peace;—especially as now, with a doubled income tax.

THE Special Correspondent of the "Bombay Gazette," at the opening of the Suez Canal, is Mr. James Mackenzie Maclean.

LIEUT. W. C. BLACK, R.A., has been appointed Supernumerary Assistant Superintendent in the Nassick Revision Survey.

CONDUCTOR W. LEE, of the Commissariat Department, has obtained furlough to Europe for two years, on medical certificate.

THE following promotion has been made:—Lieutenant (Captain in Staff Corps) Oriel Viveash Tanner to have the position of Captain, from the 24th September 1869,

the financial shears of Earl Mayo are hard at work all over the country.—*Ibid.*

THE country from beyond Decksal to Sholapore has been completely drenched with rain. The rain has fallen heavily and steadily for three nights. The cut grass and the cotton has suffered to some extent, but no other crops have been in the least injured, on the contrary, they have been benefitted. The country presents a splendid aspect, and the crops are luxurious in appearance.—*Ibid.*

WE hear that His Excellency the Governor proposes having a direct carriage road made from Mhar to Mahableshwar. This would be a great boon to travellers from Bombay to that Sanatarium. We are told that never was that road in a worse state than it is now—indeed, it is not a road at all, but only a rough track over a still rougher country. The roads from Mahableshwar to Poona are bad enough: but not to be compared for badness with this one.—*Ibid.*

THE first half of the 8th King's Regiment leaves Poona, for Khandwah, to-day, by special trains at 5-15 and 7-30 A.M. The Head Quarters follow to-morrow. There are to be two halts *en route* to Khandwah; one at Callian, and the other at Deolalee. At each of these stations, the troops will encamp for the night. It is expected that the march from Poona to Nusseerabad will occupy full six weeks; and that the regiment will arrive at its destination in the beginning of January The "Royals" are under orders to leave Nusseerabad on the 1st January, in time to clear the Barracks before the arrival of the 8th Regt. The 8th Regiment was inspected by Brigadier-General Addison yesterday morning.—*Ibid*

POONA SOLDIERS' INSTITUTE AND PENNY READINGS.—Lord Napier of Magdala has not forgotten his old friends in Poona. He has sent Rs. 100—a donation to the fund which has been collected from various quarters, to defray the cost of erecting a proper stage for the Institute. Beside this, the Committee of the Penny Readings has received Rs. 100 from The Hon'ble A. D. Sassoon, Esq., C. S. I., and Rs. 400 from the Rajah of Gondul. With these sums and the receipts at the doors, a piano-forte, music stands, screens, carpets, &c., for the stage of the Institute have been already purchased, and Rs. 300 contributed towards the stage. The rest of the money required is to be provided from the Funds of the Soldiers' Institute. The stage, when completed, will cost some Rs. 1,100, but will be very complete. Pending the completion of all these arrangements the "Penny Readings" are in abeyance, but when the stage is finished they will be resumed.—*Ibid.*

GAINOO NARZL wallah *alias* the Indian Jack Shepherd.—This notorious thief, who was, it is alleged, implicated in several daring robberies, and who for a long time past defied the Police and the Public, by clearing high walls with long poles in the "leap frog style," has, we are glad to learn, been apprehended. Ever since Mr. Chief Inspector Trenn was aware of the games of this daring and clever robber and of his complexity in some of the recent robberies in the city that Officer set to work with remarkable tact, skill, and energy to capture him, and we are gratified to see that his efforts were successful on the evening of Sunday last. Some of the wealthy residents of the city were in a state of great terrorem when the desperate and ubiquitious Gainoo was free from the grip of the Police. The rumours that are rife about the wonderful thieving qualifications of this man, if true, beat hollow the adventures and hair breadth escapes of Dick Turpin and Jack Shepherd.—*Ibid.*

INCOME TAX.

THE Under Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, has addressed the Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, as follows:—

"I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement No. 1393, dated 23rd October 1869, submitting a copy of the decision of the Government of Bombay that a person who has presented a petition under Section 19 of Act IX. of 1869 (the Indian Income Tax Act) for remission of Income Tax, is, under clause 3 of Section 20 of the Act, entitled to a refund of the value of the stamp on his petition, even if his request be only partially complied with.

"The Government of India concur in this decision."

JEEWANJEE'S EXCHANGE.

MESSRS JEEWANJEE & Co., the enterprising proprietors of the Byculla Hotel, have taken the large house at the corner of Hummum Street, which they have fitted up as billiard and tiffin rooms. The rooms were opened yesterday, and were inaugurated by a complimentary tiffin, which was attended by a large number of gentlemen to whom Mr. Jeewanjee had sent invitations. The premises are very nicely fitted up, and the private rooms are well suited for tiffin or dinner parties of half a dozen or a dozen, as the case may be, and will doubtless be very popular. There is plenty of room also in the Fort for Messrs. Jeewanjee & Co.'s Billiard rooms, and these being in connection with the tiffin rooms, where all kinds of refreshments can be had, will, we expect, be largely patronised.

GYMKHANA.

WE are glad to see that the Hockey Club, which frequently attracts crowds of lookers-on at their exciting game on the Esplanade, have made preparations for holding a Gymkhana on the Oval, Esplanade, on Saturday. The sports will consist of tilting at the ring and tent-pegging, a tattoo race with hockey balls, a match at hockey, a tattoo hurdle race, a hurdle race for soldiers and sailors, and—what will be a novelty for Bombay if there are entries for it—a bicycle race! A tent and refreshments will be provided for ladies, and the proceedings will be enlivened by the splendid band of the 2nd Queen's Regiment. The Poona season may almost be said to have a monopoly of such sports to the detriment of Bombay; certainly, we have too little of them; and the Bombay Hockey Club must be thanked for thus affording us an opportunity of spending an agreeable afternoon in witnessing their sports.

FORT POLICE COURT.—17TH NOVEMBER.

(Before JOHN CONNON, Esq.)

A COLLISION.—Baloo Ramjee was charged with committing an injury, accompanied with force, against the property of Mullah Papia, in Parell Road, on the previous day. The affair had arisen from a collision between the two vehicles of the two parties. Defendant, a buggy driver, was ordered to pay the complainant Rs. 4-8.

CRUELTY.—Goolam Hossein, buggy driver, was fined Rs. 3 for torturing his horse at Colaba to-day.

THEFT.—Lewjee Sewjee was sentenced to receive twelve stripes, for stealing a turban, valued at Rs. 1-14, from Daisai Dewjee on the previous day.

SMALL CAUSE COURT.—17TH NOV.

(Before J. O'LEARY, Esq.)

ACTION TO RECOVER A GOVERNMENT PROMISSORY NOTE.

PREMJEE LILLADHUR, ANUNDRAO LILLADHUR, AND RADHABAEE, WIDOW OF GOMKSEY LILLADHUR, DECEASED, *vs.* DWARKADASS YUSSONJEE.

THIS was an action to recover Rs. 800, being the amount of a Government five per cent. promissory note, deposited with defendant by plaintiffs in Feb. 1869.

Mr. Macpherson, instructed by Messrs. Hearn, Cleveland, and Peile, Solicitors, appeared for plaintiffs; and r. Hormusjee Dadabhoy, Vakil, for defendent.

Mr. Hormusjee said that this case originally came on for hearing on the 8th September last, and in consequence of the non-attendance of the plaintiffs it was struck off the list.

Mr. Macpherson stated that the defendant was a gentleman of high position in Bombay. The facts of the case were that the plaintiffs were in the service of the late Goculdas Tejpal. The defendant, in conjunction with Mr. Luckmidas Khimjee, as executors of the deceased, dismissed them from service, and also laid a complaint against them, in the Police Court, on a charge of theft. On the 19th July last, defendant was asked to give up the note in question which was given into his custody. They naturally wished to have it back having left the service. The mother had been joined as a plaintiff because she was mentioned in a Gujrathee writing which was executed at the time the deposit was made. All the persons interested have agreed that the note should be given back to the plaintiffs.

Mr. Macpherson, after having read several letters passed between the respective solicitors of the parties, remarked that the trustees offered to return it, and he could not retain it now.

Mr Hormusjee denied the deposit altogether. He referred to the trust deed, and said that the court had no jurisdiction to enter into the case.

Mr. Macpherson contended that this was a contrac nd all the parties had agreed to receive it, and it wast competent to the Court to deal with *it*.

The judge, in disposing of the case, said: It appearing to me that under the deed of 10th February 1869, a special trust is created in the Government note, in question, and that defendant is merely bound to apply to the funeral expenses of the plaintiff Radhabaee after her death; this Court is not competent to pass a decree, in favor of plaintiffs, that the defendant do restore this note, or pay the value thereof to plaintiffs, as having been deposited with defendant for safe keeping to be given up on demand. I strike out the case for want of jurisdiction. Case struck off.

DEATHS OF OFFICERS.

IT is notified that reports of the deaths of the undermentioned Officers, on the dates specified, were received in the Bengal Military Department during the month of October 1869:—

Cornet W. F. Bennett, 7th Hussars (a), August 30, 1869, Sealkote, Intestate.

Captain A. B. Chalmers, General List of Infanty (b), October 1, 1869, Peshawur, Intestate.

Surgeon A. Bell, 36th Foot (c), October 2, 1869, Camp Bora Peshawur, Testate.

Captain H. W. Williams, Late 64th Regiment Native Infantry (d), October 15, 1869, Jullundur, Intestate.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. Thomas, Bengal Infantry (e), October 21, 1899, Lucknow, Intestate.

(a) Next of kin, mother, Mrs. Howard, House of Commons, London.
(b) Widow, Mrs. S. B. Chalmers, Simla.
(c) Widow, Mrs. H. F. H. Bell, in England.
(d) Next of kin, Rev. Williams, Rector, Llangwio, Pembrokeshire.
(e) Next of kin, R. M. Thomas, Esq, Solicitor, 16, Camac Street Calcutta,

THE INDIAN MINTS.

THE following is a statement of the silver received and coined in the Mints of Calcutta, Madras, and Bombay in September 1869:—

	Bullion or Coin Received.		Coined and Examined.
	Government	Merchants.	
Calcutta	74,412	26,88,719	17,86,139
Madras	8,458	.....	.....
Bombay	1,79,395	2,82,937	12,98,431

CURRENCY AND RESERVE.

APPENDED is a statement of the amount of Governmen currency notes in circulation, and of the amount of coin and bullion reserve and Government securities held by the Department of Issue of Paper Currency, on 31st October 1869:—

Circles of Issue.	Currency Notes in Circulation.	Silver Coin Reserve.	Reserve in Government Securities.	Total Reserve.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Calcutta	4,33,22,220	89,43,129	2,23,39,758	4,23,26,100*
Madras	57,05,790	28,87,726	27,28,404	56,16,130
Bombay	4,36,65,510	2,61,47,010	1,17,52,260	4,29,53,979†
Allahabad	32,28,960	21,81,259	11,03,291	32,84,550
Lahore	35,39,160	27,51,453	7,00,037	34,61,490
Calicut	5,98,550	10,04,891	1,00,059	11,04,950
Trichinopoly	5,78,790	8,39,411	1,00,059	9,39,470
Vizagapatam	2,67,140	3,83,951	1,00,059	4,84,010
Nagpore	25,54,670	20,31,318	5,47,902	25,79,220
Kurrachee	29,12,750	31,16,734	5,00,106	36,16,840
Akola	12,19,510	12,20,610	.....	12,20,610
Total	10,75,87,340	5,15,17,492	3,99,72,635	10,75,87,340

* Including Rs. 1,07,30,718 silver bullion reserve, and Rs. 3,12,495 gold bullion reserve.
† Including Rs. 80,54,000 silver bullion reserve.

INDIAN ITEMS.

THE working parties of the 38th, 85th, and 92nd Regiments will leave the Chumba Hills on the 16th November.—*Pioneer*, Nov. 15.

A CORRESPONDENT asserts, on personal knowledge, that considerable tracts in the Jounpore district are unsown, from the absolute want of seed-gain.—*Ibid.*

ACCORDING to the *Sindian* the Dhobies of Kurrachee have determined not to iron clothes for the future. We can understand *this*, for our's gave up the practice long ago.—*Ibid.*

THE *Calcutta Gazette* notifies that the twelfth sale of opium will be held on the 6th of December. Of the 3,720 chests to be disposed of, Behar sends 2,192, the Benares District the remainder.—*Ibid.*

WE have the authority of the *Bangalore Spectator* for saying that, in the list of successful candidates for "the Civil Service in Melbourne, Ballarat, and Beechwood," appear two ladies, Miss Sarah Clark and Miss Anna Maria Darcy. If the practice becomes everywhere prevalent, we shall have younger *brothers* being "sent out to India to get married."—*Ibid.*

SIR DONALD MCLEOD was to leave Sreenuggur on the 5th November, and visit Jummoo on his way home. The Meer Sahib, the Maharajah's eldest son, had already returned there in order to be in waiting to receive the distinguished visitor, in case his father should not have arrived. Sir Donald's camp is to be at Sealkote on the 25th November, whence he would march to Lahore, *via* Madhopore, arriving there about the 9th December.—*Ibid.*

IT is said that the Rev. W. Trend, the last arrived Chaplain, is to be posted either to Trichinopoly or Cannanore.—*Madras Times*, Nov. 13.

IT is said at Madras, that rumour has it, that the Madras Volunteers are to be disbanded, thus making a saving of Rs. 24,000 per annum. It is to be hoped that it is *only* a rumour and nothing more.—*Bangalore Herald*.

REDUCTIONS IN MADRAS.

THE Madras papers bristle with Retrenchment. We string together a number of paragraphs, all taken from the *Madras Times* of the 13th:—

Great changes, it would appear, are in contemplation in connection with the Madras Deputy Collector's Office. It is stated that the post of Deputy Collector will very shortly be donea way with.

IT is reported that Colonel Touch and Mr. Lodwick are to be appointed Commissioners to look into the working of the different Government offices with a view to reducing establishments.

IT seems rather ridiculous of the Government of India to order a revision of office establishments in Madras at the present moment, seeing that these were thoroughly revised and cut down to the lowest possible point within the last three years. Men in a panic will do anything, as is shown by many of the present galvanic movements. A circular is to be sent to all heads of offices requiring them to report *monthly* the economics they have succeeded in effecting during the previous month! We fancy the cost of stationery will be considerable increased by the number of blank signed returns that will be sent in each month.

More demands for retrenchment! The Supreme Government have suggested to the Madras Government that the office of sub-magistrate might be abolished. This is another instance of the absurdity of leaving such matters to Bengal civilians. The magisterial districts in Madras are just twice the size of the magisterial districts in Bengal, and to propose the abolition of the sub-magistrates in this presidency is the very madness of ignorance. The Madras Government, have upon their responsibility, refused to carry out immediately the order of the Supreme Government for the abolition of the office of assistant superintendent of police, on the ground that the public safety would be endangered; and we have no doubt they will resist this absurd proposal. To abolish sub-magistrates and assistant superintendents of police would simply be to necessitate the appointment of a like number of more highly paid officials, or to let the judicial business of the country go to ruin. The abolition of sub-magistrates would in many instances compel a man to travel sixty or seventy miles to make a complaint; and that, we need hardly remark, is a practical denial of justice.

IN their mania for retrenchment, the economists of Calcutta have done some queer things; and perhaps the incident we are about to relate is not the least funny of them. There is an officer in Madras who is at once a lieutenant-colonel in the Staff Corps, Government Agent at Chepauk, Paymaster of Carnatic Stipendiaries, and Translator of Persian and Hindostanee to the Madras Government. The eyes of the Bengal abolitionists lit upon the name of this fat pluralist, and glistened. Forthwith was despatched to the Madras Government an inquiry whether it would not be possible to abolish the offices of Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipendiaries, and to have the duties performed by the Board of Revenue. The inquiry was handed over to the occupant of these offices, with a request that he would report on his own abolition. That officer received the bowstring in the most philosophic manner, and performed the "happy dispatch" with a grim smile upon his contenance. He reported emphatically in favour of his own abolition as Government Agent and Paymaster. This was pleasant reading for the abolitionists; but unfortunately there was a kind of postscript attached that must have made them take a different view of the matter. The officer in question thought it his duty to remark that if his offices of Government Agent at Chepauk and Paymaster of Carnatic Stipends were abolished, Government would have to pay him three hundred a month more for performing his diminished duties. It so happens that all these offices are held upon a consolidate pay which is some rupee or two less than the military pay of the occupant would be if employed with a regiment, and which is less by three hundred rupees than the pay of his rank plus that of translator to Government. We need hardly remark that the too conscientious reporter is not likely to have his offices abolished on those terms, but that he is still to have the pleasure of performing his multifarious duties on rather less than his military pay.

SONEPORE RACES.

SECOND DAY, 13TH NOVEMBER 1869.

FIRST RACE.—A piece of Plate, valued at One Hundred Pounds, presented by Edward Studd, Esq. For all horses. One mile and five furlongs.

Melbourne	1
Favourite	2
Octavia	3

Nine ran—won cleverly.

SECOND RACE.—The Durbungah Cup, value Rs. 500, presented by the Maharajah of Durbungah. For Arab and Country-bred maidens. 1 mile 5 furlongs.

Akbar	1
Bellona	2
Cyclone	3

THIRD RACE.—The Planters' Purse. For all horses. 1 mile.

Variation	1
Prophet	2

FOURTH RACE.—The Moorcroft Stakes of Rs. 100 from the Fund. For all *bonâ fide* and untrained hacks. ½ mile.

Hotspur	1
Rufus	2

—*Pioneer.*

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "PIONEER."

SIR,—Although doubtless many of your readers are sick to repletion of the subject, it appears to me that there is an important feature attending the discussion which has never been commented on, which all have seemingly shirked, *viz.*, its gross and wilful wastefulness. You see day after day letters commenting on Colonel Strachey's memorandum, on minutes supposed to be written in Council, purporting to be the words and opinions of the Governor-General, the diplomatic pen carefully avoiding to state openly that the Deficit is the result of the most gross indifference on the part of the officers of the Department Public Works themselves; and I can in all truthfulness assert, after a most close connection with the department for years, and without semblance of fear that my views could be controverted, that no department under any Government could exhibit such reckless expenditure.

To enter a little into detail, take the following points:—Is there a military station in India where a score of men could not be produced, who would tell you tale on tale of money having been spent one hundred per cent over that which they themselves could have done the work for? I have seen men come forward in the presence of officers of the D. P. W., and agree to carry out the work fifty per cent under the sum entered in the requisition, and their services declined. To this we shall be told that the officers of the D. P. W. are not bound to accept the lowest tender. But the question of paying double that needed for the completion of a work now affects every one. It is an undisputed fact that, were it not for the gross expenditure or rather waste on the part of the D. P. W., we should never have our double income tax. But to be more to the point:—Let a commission be appointed to take the statements of those who desire to bring forward facts, of sums paid far beyond the value of the work done, and the Governor-General will find he will not require a Colonel Strachey to coach him up, who as the officers of the D. P. W. say, never built a dak bungalow. I would ask any one to give a satisfactory reply to the following:—Why a certain road, some 76 miles long, leading to a military station not far from Agra, was always out of repair, when the Executive Engineer's books can show the enormous outlay? I would ask his Lordship to enquire how many times, a few years back, a Superintending Engineer personally inspected a work not far from Agra, for which I know £10,000 was paid? I would further solicit his LordshiP to enquire what amount in hard cash an overseer at Sealkote left at his death when that station was being built? Let his Lordship ask anyone who has the courage to tell him of the story of the two chronometers. I would ask his Lordship to enquire from anyone as to the reason of an overseer in the D. P. W. being in affluent circumstances and a barrack-master a beggar. It was but the other day that a man solicited a loan of a few thousands of rupees, agreeing to repay it in a year. He desired to take up requisitions for petty works. It was but yesterday that, talking to a Parsee, I remarked,—"It is curious that few officers can make money, but so many subordinates are wealthy who are in Government employ." The Parsee replied:—"Yes, you know Nos. 1, 6, 9, 18 houses, they all belong to Mr.——; when he was in Government employ he built them all, and made them over temporarily to his friends. He has now left the Government service and has taken up his property." Let his Lordship ask how many men have left certain iron works in the Punjab and become contractors, and why not? Why, I once knew a Persian wheel that was a steady income. It was always out of repair. The number of requisitions that were made out for this wheel would fill the hold of a 1,000-ton merchantman. Let Chief Engineers be desired to report the quantity of material purchased and afterwards sold as being useless. Does anyone ask who bought it? And when the fact is elicited does any punishment ensue? No; it goes to profit and loss. Does anyone remember, and will anyone tell his Lordship, of the Engineer on the Peshawur road, who made his officers measure up themselves all material, pay all the men themselves, and certify that they had personally inspected and seen every thing themselves? Will Colonel Strachey or Colonel Crommelin tell his Lordship who that officer was? Will they tell him how many Executive Engineers resigned? Is there any one in Council, or in Simla, or in Calcutta, who will tell his Lordship, from personal knowledge, the number of fowling-pieces, buggies, dog-carts, &c., in the possession of any one overseer in the D. P. W.? And if so,—if it is asked how they are purchased,—the reply is as follows:—By receiving 5 per cent. from contractors on all works when paid for. Will his Lordship ask Major Forlong to tell him the story of the house near a bridge that one of his overseers built? No; the unfortunate position of every man in authority is, that he can learn nothing except from those he is brought into daily contact with, and their practical information may be but small. But what every man in India now complains of in the D. P. W. is, their utter callousness and indifference as to the sums paid for work not completed but supposed to be so. I am confident of this, *that there is not an Executive Engineer who himself personally benefits one pice* but that in no way refutes my statement of gross wastefulness. I want to know why, if a portion of a bridge is repaired, that a native contractor should get 60 rupees for it, when any one can get the work done well for Rs. 30. I want to know why an Executive Engineer, knowing that a certain contract for repairs at an outstation is sub-let for a small sum by a wealthy contractor, thus proving the work can be done for less, does not reduce the rates and save a portion of the Government money; and the reply is this:—That the wealthy contractor takes up for the year certain petty repairs and new works, and that the officer of the D. P. W. is bound to give it to *that man*, and not to open competition, for the above period.

It does not require to be in Council to be well aware, not only how reductions might be made in the Police, or in the D. P. Works or in many other departments. You do not require to pay a man 10,000 rupees a month to obtain the information that Cureton's and Lind's Regiments of Irregular Cavalry were the best that fought during 1857 and 1858, not forgetting Hudson's Horse. Then, if such is the case, why pay 19 regiments of irregular cavalry for ten and fifteen years of peace, when the Government in a month or two can get irregular cavalry regiments as able as many now in their pay? Again, it is well known to every one, except men in Council, that a regiment of irregular cavalry that refused to draw their swords, or at any rate to use them, has been in Government pay since 1858. It is well known to every one that there are regiments of native infantry that would be as useless on service as cripples, or a battalion of blind men—that are the chaff and ridicule of every garrison in which they are stationed; and who is responsible for the monthly and yearly payments made to these men? Has our position in India been the least benefitted by such useless armed rabble? Have they been employed *solely* on escort duty, or as chowkedars? For, if not, of what utility can it possibly have been teaching these men battalion and brigade drill, with Commanding Officers drawing £60 staff. There are regiments and men like Stafford of the 22nd, Thompson of the 45th, Chamberlaine of the 23rd, Brownlow of the 20th, Baxter of the 15th, to whom, with the men they command were Rs. 1,000 staff to be given them, the State some day would be well repaid, and who could in a month increase their battalions by their own personal influence to double the strength. But no one in Council knows this better than Jay of Regent Street, or Pulford of St. James's. There is not a station, civil and military, where daily the following is not said,—"Why do the State not do this?" These are self-evident facts before the eyes of every one but it appears as if blue spectacles were worn by all in Council.

But, after an experience of twenty-five years I can safely say—You may leave your army alone *if you wish*. You may arm your coolies, and dhobees, and tailors if you will only look to your Department Public Works. But no State can afford to build permanent bridges and macadamise 100 miles of road for Brinjara bullocks and hackery wheels, or to build refrigerators in the shape of double-storied barracks,—patent producers of asthma, lumbago and rheumatism,—costing lakhs of rupees, or to pour coin into the hands of Native and European contractors to simply carry out the departmental rule —of useless expenditure and want on waste of money.

Yours faithfully,
INCOME-TAX.

P. S.—Again, if you must have a Native Army of the present strength, why not increase the Goorkha Battalion, and have some solid reliable material.

ISLAM.

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY'S "GAZETTE.")

THE common cares of life had been taken from Mohammed by the motherly hand of Chadija: but heavier cares seemed now to darken his soul, to weigh down his whole being. As time wore on the gloom and misery of his heart became more and more terrible. He neglected his household matters, and fled all men. 'Solitude became a passion to him,' the traditions record. He had now passed the meridian of his life. No one seemed to heed the brooder, no one stretched out the hand of sympathy to him. He had nothing in common with the rest, and he was left to himself.

Much chronological discussion has arisen as to the date of the event of which we are going to speak. So much, however, seems certain, that Mohammed was at least forty years of age when he went, according to the custom of some of his countrymen, to spend the Rajab, the month of universal armistice among the ancient Arabs, on Mount Hirâ, an hour's walk from Mecca. This mountain, now called Mount of Light, consists of a huge barren rock, torn by cleft and hollow ravine, standing out solitary in the full white glare of the desert sun, shadowless, flowerless, without well or rill. On this rock, in a small dark cave, Mohammed lived alone, and spent his days and his nights, according to unanimous tradition, in '*Tahannoth*.'

The weary guesses that have been made from the days of these very traditions to our own, as to the meaning and derivation of this word, cannot be told. It has been put on the rack by lexicographers, grammarians, commentators, translators, investigators, of all hues and ages, and, we are sorry to add, with no satisfactory result. To the general meaning the context gave some cue, but the etymology of the word, and its technical signification, have remained a mystery, notwithstanding many various readings of its single letters suggested by sheer despair. One of the latest, and greatest, investigators, Sprenger, numbers it among the most 'indigestible morsels' among the many strange and obsolete words that occur in connexion with Mohammed and the Koran.

We do not intend to do more than throw out suggestions—though very carefully weighed—for we must, to our regret, leave all our philological scaffoldings behind. Regarding this most mysterious word, we have a notion that it might be explained, like scores of other tough morsels in the Koran, by the Jewish, Hebrew, or Aramaic parlance of the period, as it is preserved most fortunately in the Talmud, the Targum, the Midrash. The word Tahannoth need not be emendated into *Tahannof*, or any other weird form, to agree with its traditional meaning, because we think that it is only the Hebrew word *Tehinnoth*, which occurs bodily in the Bible, and means 'Prayers, Supplications.' The change of vowels is exactly the same as that from the Hebrew *Gehinnom* (New test. *Gehenna*) to the Koranic *Jahannam*. Among the Jews the word became technical for a certain class of devotional prayers, customary, together with fastings, throughout the month preceding the New Year's Day. It is known more generally as a term for private devotions throughout the year, chiefly for pious women.—This, however, only by the way.

To devotions and asceticism, then, Mohammed gave himself up in his wild solitude. And after a time there came to him dreams 'resplendent like the rosy dawn.' When he left his cave to walk about on his rocky fastness, the wild herbs that grew in the clefts would bend their heads, and the stones scattered in his way would cry, 'Salâm! Hail, O Prophet of God.' And horrified, not daring to look about him, he fled back into his cave. That same cave has now become a station for the Holy Pilgrimage, and on it that early predecessor of our Burckhardts and Burtons, 'Hajj Joseph Pitts of Exon,' the runaway sailor boy, delivered himself of the judgment that 'he had been in the cave, and observed that it was not at all beautified, at which he admired.'

Suddenly, in the middle of the night—the 'blessed night Al Kadar,' as the Koran has it—'and who will make thee understand what the night Al Kadar is? That night Al Kadar, which is better than a thousand months . . . which bringeth peace and blessings till the rosy dawn'—in the middle of that night, Mohammed woke from his sleep, and he heard a voice. Twice it called, urging, and twice he struggled and waived its call. But he was pressed sore 'as if a fearful weight had been laid upon him.' He thought his last hour had come. And for the third time the voice called—

'Cry!'

And he said, 'What shall I cry?'

Came the answer: 'Cry—in the name of thy Lord!' . . . .

And these, according to well nigh unanimous tradition, followed by nearly every ancient and modern authority, are the first words of the Koran. Our readers will find them in the ninety-sixth chapter of that book, to which they have been banished by the Redactors.

We hasten to add that when we said that the above sentence would be found in the ninety-sixth chapter of the Koran, we were not quite accurate. The word which we have ventured to translate *Cry* they will find rendered in as many different ways as there were translators, investigators, commentators, old and new. They will find Recite, Preach, Read, Proclaim, Call out, Read the Scriptures—namely, of the Jews and Christians—and a weary variety of other meanings which certainly belong to the word, though the greater part of them is of obviously later date and utterly out of the question in this case.

Our reasons for deviating from these time-honoured versions were of various kinds. In the first place, the Arabic root in question is *identical* with our own, and in this primitive root lie hidden all other significations. 'Cry' is one of those very few onomatopoetic words still common to both Semitic and Indo-European. significations are indeed manifold; from the vague sound given forth by bird or tree, as in Sanskrit, to our English usage of silent weeping; from the Hebrew 'deep *crying* unto deep' to the technical Aramaic 'reading the Scriptures'—in contradistinction to 'reading the Mishnah'—from the weird German *Schrei* to the Greek herald's solemn proclamation—it is always the same fundamental root: biliteral or triliteral.

Secondly, because the principal words of this tradition are startlingly identical—another fact not hitherto noticed, as far as we are aware—with a certain passage in Isaiah: 'The Voice said Cry. Cry, and I said, What shall I cry?'—a passage in which no one has yet translated the leading verb by Recite, Read, Read the Scriptures, though there was never a doubt as to whether Isaiah knew the Scriptures and could read, while Mohammed distinctly denied being a Scholar.'

And, thirdly, because from this root is also derived the word *Koran*. Derived: for it was in the very special Jewish sense of *Mikra*, Scripture, that Mohammed gave that name to every single fragment of that book, until it became, even as the word Mishnah, its collective and general name.

We now resume our recital of that first revelation and its immediate consequences, as tradition has preserved it. It is of moment.

When the voice had ceased to speak, telling him how from minutest beginnings man had been called into existence and lifted up by understanding and knowledge of the Lord, who is most beneficent, and who by the *pen* had revealed that which men did not know, Mohammed woke from his trance and felt as if 'a book' had been written in his heart. A great trembling came upon him so that his whole body shook, and the perspiration ran down his body. He hastened home to his wife and said 'Oh, Chadija! what has happened to me?' and lay down, and she watched by him. When he recovered from his paroxysm he said, 'Oh, Chadija! he, of whom one would not have believed it (meaning himself), has become either a soothsayer (Kahin*) or one possessed (by Djins)—mad.' She replied, 'God is my protection, O Abu-l-Kasim! (a name of Mohammed derived from one of his boys), He will surely not let such a thing happen unto thee, for thou speakest the truth, dost not return evil for evil, keepest faith, art of a good life, and kind to thy relations and friends. And neither art thou a talker abroad in the bazaars. What has befallen thee? Hast thou seen aught terrible?' Mohammed replied, 'Yes.' And he told her what he had seen. Whereupon she answered and said, 'Rejoice, O dear husband, and be of good cheer. He, in whose hands stands Chadija's life, is my witness that thou wilt be the prophet of this people.' Then she arose and went to her cousin Waraka, who was old and blind, and 'knew the Scriptures of the Jews and Christians.' When she told him what she had heard, he cried out, '*Koddûs Koddûs!*—Holy, Holy! Verily this is the *Namûs* which came to Moses. He will be the prophet of his people. Tell him this. Bid him be of brave heart.'

We must here interpose for a moment. This Waraka has given rise to much and angry discussion—chiefly as to his 'conversion.' He was long supposed to have been first an idolator, then a Jew, finally a Christian. It has been shown, however, by recent investigations, that whatever he was at first, he certainly lived and died a Jew. To our mind this one sentence goes a long way towards settling the point. *Koddûs*,—is simply the Arabicised Hebrew *Kadosh* (Holy). And while we need not prove that a Christian would scarcely have used this exclamation (any more than he would have spoken of the 'Namus') we are reminded of the story in the Midrash of the man whose heart was sore within him for that he could neither read the Scripture nor the Mishnah. And one day when he stood in the synagogue, and the precentor reached that part of the liturgy in which God's holy name is sanctified, this man lifted up his voice aloud and cried out with all his main: '*Kadosh! Kadosh! Kadosh!*' (Holy! Holy! Holy!). And when they asked him what made him cry out thus, he said, 'I have not been deemed worthy to read the Scriptures, or the Mishnah, and now the moment has come when I may sanctify God, shall I not lift up my voice aloud?' It did not last a year, or two, or three,' the legend adds, 'but it so fell out that this man became a great and mighty general, and a founder of a colony within the Roman empire.'

As to the '*Namus*,' it is a hermaphrodite in words. It is Arabic, but also Greek. That it is talmudical need we say it? It is in the first instance (*νομος*). Law, that which 'by old custom and common consent' has become so. In talmudical phraseology it stands for the Thora or Revealed Law. In Arabic it further means one who communicates a secret message. And all these different significations were conveyed by Waraka to Mohammed. The messenger and the message, both divine, had come together even as Moses had been instructed in the Law by a special angel—not, as former commentators, to save Waraka's Christianity, used to explain, because to Mohammed, as to Moses, a new Law was given, while Christ came to confirm what had been given before.

Not long after this the two men met in the street of Mecca. And Waraka said, 'I swear by him in whose hand Waraka's life is, God has chosen thee to be the prophet of this people. The greatest *Namus* has come to thee. They will call thee a liar: they will persecute thee, they will banish thee, they will fight against thee. Oh that I could live to those days! I would fight for thee.' And he kissed him on his forehead. The Prophet went home, and the words he had heard were a great comfort to him and diminished his anxiety.

After this Mohammed, in awe and trembling, waited for other visions and revelations. But none came; and the old horrible doubts and suspicions crept over his soul. He went up to Mount Hirâ again—this time to commit suicide. But, as often as he approached the precipice, lo, he beheld Gabriel at the end of the horizon whithersoever he turned, who said to him, 'I am Gabriel, and thou art Mohammed, the Prophet of God.' And he stood as entranced, unable to move backwards or forwards, until anxious Chadija sent out men to seek him.

We must interrupt the course of the story for a moment respecting this 'Voice,' which is called in the Koran, Gabriel, or the Holy Ghost. We have on a previous occasion spoken of the strange metamorphoses of Angels and Demons, as they migrated from India to Babylonia, and from Babylonia to Judæa.* Their further migration to Mecca did not produce much change, since the process of Semitising them and making them subservient to Monotheism had been wrought already by the Talmud. Yet this strange identification of Gabriel with the Holy Ghost which we find here is a problem not fully to be solved either by the Talmud or the Zend Avesta.

The Holy Ghost, an expression of most common occurrence in the Haggadah, is thus summarily explained by the Talmud—as an emphatic answer probably to the popular tendency of taking transcendental terms in a concrete sense. 'With ten names,' says the Talmud, 'is the Holy Ghost named in Scripture. They are—Parable, Allegory, Enigma, Speech, Sentence, Light, Command, Vision, Prophecy.' In the Angelic Hierarchy of the Talmud it is Michael (Vohumanô), and not Gabriel, who takes first rank. He stands to the right of the Throne, Gabriel to the left; he represents Grace; Gabriel, stern Justice: and though they are both entrusted with watching over God's people, it is yet Michael who stands forth to fight for them, who brings them good tidings and who, as heavenly High Priest, 'offers up the souls of the righteous upon God's Altar.' Yet he is often accompanied by Gabriel, who is, be it observed, particularly active in the life of Abraham. It is he who saves Abraham from the fiery furnace into which Nimrod had cast him; in the message of Isaac's birth he is one of the three 'men;' and his place is to Michael's right hand. In all other respects, he is the exact counterpart of the Persian Crœshô, and his principal office is that of revenging and punishing evil, while he acts as a merciful genius to the good and elect. Hence, probably, he became in later Persian mythology, as well as in the Talmud, the Divine Messenger. He is thus replete with all knowledge, and—alone of all angels—is versed in all human tongues. Islam has made a few transparently 'tendencious' changes. Gabriel here stands to the right hand of the Throne, and Michael to the left, *i. e.* the former becomes the Angel of Mercy, and the latter that of Punishment. Omar, it is said, once went into a Jewish Academy, and asked the Jews about Gabriel's office. He, they mockingly answered, is our enemy; he betrays all our secrets to Mohammed, and he and Michael are always at war with each other—an answer which, taken seriously by Omar, so shocked him that he cried out, 'Why, you are more unbelieving than the Himyarites!' But might this strange identification of Gabriel and the Holy Ghost possibly be accounted for by the fact that the mystic office with regard to the birth of Christ, ascribed to the Holy Ghost by the Church, is ascribed in Islam to Gabriel also, who, as in the New Testament, announces the message to Mary, and that thus the two have become fully identified in the minds of the traditionists? We have left Mohammed in the terror-stricken state of a mind conscious of its mission, and vainly trying to struggle against it. 'The grim loneliness within, the horrible dread lest it all be but mockery and self-deception, or 'the Devil's prompting; the inability of uttering, save in a few wild rhapsodic sounds that message which is silently and agonizingly growing into shape—and death seems the only refuge and solution—who should describe it? It was through these phases of a soul struggling between Heaven and Hell that Mohammed went in those days, and the thought of suicide came temptingly near. But, lo! Gabriel on the edge of the horizon crying: I am Gabriel, and thou art Mohammed, God's Messenger. . . . Fear not!

It is not easy to say how long a state of doubt and terror lasted. Tradition, wildly diverging here, is, of course, of little use. Probably he was not quite free from it to the day of his death. But, by degrees, and as he no longer had to carry that dread burden in his lonely heart he gathered strength. His confidence in himself and in his mission rose. No Demoniac, no contemptible soothsayer, no possessed madman he—the voice within urged. And at times, a blissful exultation took the place of the former horror. His heart throbs with grateful joy. 'By the midday splendour, and by the stilly night,' he cries, 'the Lord does not reject him, and will not forsake him, and the future shall be better than the past. Has

SURVIVAL OF INSTINCTS.

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It is a popular fallacy, which cannot be too plainly repudiated, that all persons living at the same time are contemporaries. A very slight degree of observation is sufficient to refute the notion. Without speaking of antiquaries and others, who manage to erect dams in the shape of bookcases and study walls for the purpose of artificially arresting a little backwater from the current of time, we need not travel far to find whole populations living in remote ages. A few hours' journey will take us to the middle ages in the Tyrol, and a day or two further east we come upon regions where time has stood still since the very dawn of modern civilization. There are remote islands where the natives are, properly speaking, contemporaries with the makers of the kitchen-middings, and living, for all practical purposes, in the Bronze or Stone Age. It is more interesting, however, to note how, in one and the same district, time runs at all the different paces described by Rosalind, with persons living side by side. In external appearance they do not differ considerably; but one is really living at the present day, whilst another is a specimen of the primeval savage, or it may be of the middle ages, just coated with a thin varnish of the nineteenth century. We are accustomed to quote the proverb about scratching a Russian; but transformations quite as remarkable may be made by subjecting an Englishman to the same operation. It is, for example, a common remark, which has many very interesting applications, that not a few old heathen superstitions, and ceremonies founded upon them, are to be discovered amongst our peasantry at the present day. Various practices at weddings recall the remote time when marriage consisted in the simple and decisive process of carrying off the bride by force. There are ceremonies of a religious character which in all probability were originally observed in honour of pagan deities, and have since taken the superficial dress of the established religions of successive epoch. Few things are more curious than the way in which old creeds, supposed long ago to be dead and buried, and satisfactorily forgotten, every now and then crop up to assert their continued vitality. On the same principle we know that words which were thought to have dropped out of the language still find lurking-places where they survive until some emergency brings them forward. The use of railways brought out two or three expressive words which had been long hidden away in such profound depths below the ordinary surface of language that it is hard to trace their origin. Even amongst people who pass themselves off very successfully as contemporary mortals we find these curious resurrections of extinct superstitions, which suggest that their believers are rather the inhabitants of a past epoch, who by some accident have not heard of their own death, than real living and moving moderns. The spirit-rappers, for example, so far from having invented a bran-new absurdity, are really, as Mr. Tylor has recently pointed out, cases of the survival of primitive modes of thought. The whole theory which explains the creaking of a table by the intervention of a spirit is precisely the ancient method of fetishism. Not only is the method of reasoning the same, but the old applications of it survive. When the Davenport brothers untied knots by the help of supernatural powers, they were only repeating a performance which had been rehearsed in Esquimaux huts and by various savage conjurors. A mode of divination has recently become popular by what is called—*planchette*—a simple contrivance for enabling a person to write apparently under the influence of bits of wood instead of his own fingers. A method in all respects essentially similar has long been practised by certain Eastern races. It is not so much that these things are new under the sun, as that nothing becomes altogether antiquated. A superstition is apparently killed down, but some fragments of it remain, and, like the objectionable weed which has spread through our rivers of late years, suddenly sprouts up again, and astonishes us by its amazing powers of multiplication.

These special instances, which might be indefinitely multiplied, are enough to illustrate a truth which is susceptible of much wider application. The organization of society varies slowly, and we generally complain that reforms in practical matters lag far behind the ideas which they are supposed to embody. But it is equally true that changes take place in many details long before the mass of mankind is at all capable of appreciating the general truths which they exemplify. Persecution had become impracticable long before the principle had been grasped that the State had no business to interfere with the religious beliefs of the individual. Indeed, at the present moment the principle is so imperfectly understood that, if people did not shrink from the logical consequences of their theories, many clergymen and ladies would obviously derive extreme satisfaction from seeing the argument of physical force once more applied to speculative controversies. Duelling still survives in every European country except England, and its existence implies that a prejudice congenial to certain military or chivalrous instincts has long survived the order of ideas on which it was originally founded. It is quite unnecessary, however, to go outside our beloved island to find plenty of instances of this strange vitality of certain sentiments long after the apparent extirpation of the root from which they originally sprang. What, for example, is the true philosophy of the Masculine Christian? To a certain limited extent he may possibly be an outgrowth from the wants of the time. The increase of towns and the difficulty of obtaining open-air exercise make an increased attention to athletic pursuits not only pardonable but highly desirable. This, however, would be a very inadequate account of the singular species of enthusiasm which began by infesting our schools and universities in spite of the coolness of the authorities themselves. The disease in its most characteristic developments is marked by symptoms far exceeding any reasonable tendency to the cultivation of our physical nature. In its most desperate cases it is a kind of absorption of the brain by the muscles, and the patient is found to be suffering from a strange hallucination which entirely distorts the true relations of things, and leads him to form a curious ideal of the highest human type, in which all intellectual and moral excellence is regarded merely as a useful condiment towards developing his athletic capacities. There may be various ways of explaining a social phenomenon so singular and so little suited to the general spirit of the times. The simplest supposition is apparently one the nature of which we have already indicated. Some of the prejudices and beliefs which went to make up the creed of the old-fashioned country gentleman of the Squire Western type were still lingering in the atmosphere. Various circumstances, such as the increase of wealth unaccompanied by a corresponding increase of refinement, prepared a favourable ground into which the seeds of contagion might fall. The result was the sudden outbreak of a disease which has baffled the efforts of all the established physicians, and indeed has been too generally encouraged by them, under the mistaken impression that its symptoms were those of the exuberant health rather than the morbid condition of the patient. We thus witnessed the reappearance in modern society of a type admirably suited, it may be, for a ruder state of things, but singularly unfitted for a time in which it is generally supposed to be admitted that the soul and the intellect are nobler parts of man than his stomach or his muscles.

Following out the same principle we can have no difficulty in discovering numerous cases where the social or political influences which are concealed by certain superficial arrangements suddenly reveal themselves in their old unmodified condition. We sometimes laugh at Americans, who, with all the advantages of their admirable democratic institutions, show quite as fine a taste for the charms of crowns and coronets as the most sophisticated subject of a bloated aristocracy. The criticism is very fair, but it implies an exaggerated estimate of the rapidity with which new ideas can be imbibed simply from the operation of new institutions, even assuming that the institutions are perfectly successful. The old instinct which makes a native Englishman love a lord has been far too deeply impressed upon his character to be washed out by a few generations under democratic rule. In course of time it may be that new social arrangements will generate corresponding sentiments, but the process is slow and uncertain. In Europe, to take a similar case, it is held in all public speeches and newspaper articles and philosophical works, that the ancient dogma of a divine right of kings has been finally discredited and destroyed. A king, though he may be the object of a reasonable loyalty on his own account, or simply as the visible symbol of patriotic emotions, is no longer considered as belonging to a separate class, and in possession of a special divine commission. His power is entrusted to him, as to other officials, for the good of the people. This is all very well, and nothing can be plainer in theory. But it is obvious that the old notion of royal sanctity has by no means lost its efficacy. There are a great number of persons now in Europe who manage to support very respectably the character of claimants for a throne, which, without some remnant of the divine rights theory, would be simply absurd. If a king was truly believed to be no more than any other man, an exking would have no more sanctity than an ex-president and the Queen of Spain excite as little emotion as Mr. Johnson. The fact that there is still a certain degree of loyalty left towards such people proves that the notion of a divine right still lingers in some small classes. But it is perhaps more significant that when a people resolve to start a new dynasty on the genuine constitutional plan, they never think of going beyond the existing royal families. The Spaniards are in terrible perplexity because none of that sacred class can supply a suitable candidate for the place; if they had really ceased to believe in the ancient doctrine, their choice would be practically unlimited, and they might, if they chose, select a ruler by competitive examination, or any other patent scheme of discovering merit. The fact that such a course is always tacitly assumed to be out of the question, proves how strong a flavour of superior sanctity still surrounds crowned heads, long after we have ceased to assert it in words, and indeed have most explicitly renounced it.

Mr. Lecky wrote a book to illustrate the proposition that ancient belief frequently expire, not by the attacks of opponents or because the force of argument is manifestly against them, but by a kind of spontaneous decay when they have become unsuited to the prevailing atmosphere of opinion. Undoubtedly there are many cases which, however they may be explained, lend much countenance to the theory. But the reverse is equally common and remarkable. Beliefs apparently disappear when the logical base upon which they are founded is finally cut away. But, as a rule, they are very slow to die. They retire into remote country districts, or they lurk in the breasts of particular classes. They display themselves, not by any denial of the fundamental principle to which they are opposed, but by incidentally modifying the views which make mere takes of subsidiary questions. People generally admit after a certain quantity of argument that two and two make four, but they continue to entertain grave doubts as to the application of the same principle to more complex arithmetical questions. They look at them in the light of their inherited prejudices, and continue to cherish a faint hope that twice six may possibly be thirteen, in spite of the cavils raised by obstinate logicians. The progress of knowledge consists as much in getting rid of old prejudices as in learning new truths; and people continue to use the old for guidance in dealing with corollaries when they have learnt to apply the new ones to the primary propositions. And thus, as, according to Mr. Darwin, a horse retains almost invisible stripes because its ancestor was a zebra, we are marked by the traces of old creeds and instincts for centuries after we profess to have abandoned them.

"ROLAND YORKE."*

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Mrs. Henry Wood endeavours to realize in fiction, as thoroughly as she can, De Quincey's idea of considering murder as one of the fine arts. She is a most industrious student of the uses of gore in composition. She attempts to do for her readers what writers of the judicial drama accomplish for their patrons in Paris. And Mrs. Henry Wood bases her system on what is unquestionably a sound commercial bottom. Surveying the world of romantic literature, she finds that, no matter what critics may say, horrors command a price in the market sufficient to make the fortunes of those who deal in them for the benefit of the masses; and she presumes, no doubt correctly, that the same provender will be welcome in circles above that which is accustomed to be thrilled by the regular raw-head-and-bloody-bones periodicals. Her stories, too, are usually set forth in magazines the general tone of which is rather mild, hence she starts with an advantage of contrast. But to give her her due, Mrs. Henry Wood is not a mere sensation-dasher. As we have said, she reduces what might be termed the slaughter-privileges of romance to something like an art. She makes all her characters intrigue very prettily around the body of the necessary victim. There is a murder, and somebody is supposed to have done it, but you never know at whose door the crime will be laid next. You are introduced into a respectable family circle, and given to understand that amongst these good people is a lady or a gentleman who deserves to be hanged. Mrs. Wood can always keep her own secret; she knows her business, and it is her business that you should be in a state of suspense and bewilderment for the space of three volumes. Conjectures avail you nothing. No sooner have you fixed upon the real villain than you are thrown off the scent and are obliged to consult with the detective who is always retained for this service.

"Roland Yorke," we are to understand, is a sequel to "The Channings," but it may be a comfort to learn that the connection between this last-named and the new production is not so close as to render it absolutely necessary, before approaching "Roland Yorke" in a proper spirit, to send to the publishers for "The Channings." In the prologue we are informed that the scene is laid in a "certain cathedral town, of which most of you have heard before;" as who should say, "That portion of the English-speaking race who have perused my last work are acquainted with the locality in which this commences." "Roland Yorke," however, is complete in itself: as many of the Channing family as are to be found in it can be comprehended as well without a knowledge of their antecedents as with it. The prologue is more or less Radcliffian. Moonlight, midnight, a suicide's grave, impart to it a solemnity scarcely relieved by the comicalities of one Dicky Jones, the dramatic movements of a detective who appears even thus early on the stage. A young barrister on circuit has been found lying dead in his room with a pistol by his side. No one, as the reporters say, could assign a motive for the rash act. A scrap of paper containing an equivocal sentence and a tag scarcely equivocal seems to satisfy most people that John Ollivera has committed *felo de se*. Whether he has or has not is the grand question. If he has not, who was it that sent him thus prematurely out of the world?

We have compared Mrs. Henry Wood to the composers of the French judicial drama. The chapter entitled "Before the Coroner" is quite after the style of these ingenious and instructive authors. In order to do this sort of thing well, there is nothing like a little newspaper realism. Thus we have throughout the chapter the proceedings described in a thoroughly journalistic method, in which Mrs. Wood carefully hedges against the chances of a technical blunder. So much has been written of late concerning the ignorance of both male and female writers as to legal courses that Mrs. Wood is determined not to be caught in a mistake. The coroner may possibly conduct himself in asking questions unlike Dr. Lancaster for reasons best known to Mrs. Henry Wood; therefore it is provided that, "living in the same town, knowing all the jury personally, in the habit of exchanging a word of news with Mrs. Jones whenever he met her, the coroner may have been excused if the proceedings were slightly irregular, involving some gossip as well as law." This apology being tendered, all the coroner's eccentricities and impropriety are accounted for; which is very clever in Mrs. Henry Wood. She here gives ample proof of possessing what Johnson termed in reference to Foote "the faculty of escape." If the coroner makes a fool of himself in conducting the inquiry, how can Mrs. Henry Wood help him when her effort to do so would spoil his verisimilitude, and leave us without the advantage of studying the effect of indiscriminate conversation upon his intellect and his learning?

The tale now is fairly set going. We are brought into the office of Mr. Greaterex, solicitor, in which Bede Greatorex, the last person who had seen John Ollivera alive, is a partner. Then we renew the acquaintance of Mr. Butterly, the detective. We are more or less used to detectives in novels, especially in novels of the order to which "Roland Yorke" belongs; and therefore we are becoming fastidious touching these gentry. Now we have several objections to Mr. Butterly. For one thing he is remarkably stupid. Of course Mrs. Wood might plead for him as she did for her coroner, and vow that the dulness of the officer arose entirely out of the artistic development of circumstances. But this will not satisfy us. A detective, like a pointer, must at least have a nose; and a dog who sets rightly in nothing twenty times in the course of the day irritates the sportsman in the end although he may amuse him at first. Butterly has no nose. He is a clumsy contrivance. He is put together badly; and is, in truth, so obvious a puppet that the straw with which he is stuffed peeps out at every step he takes. Then, although unlike anything in nature, Mr. Butterly has uncommon scarecrow resemblances to other personages in his own walk of fiction. Mr. Dickens might establish a proprietorship (through Inspector Bucket) in several of his accoutrements; and Miss Braddon seems to have suggested not a few of his habits and reflections. We certainly cannot regard Butterly as a success. Roland Yorke, the hero, is kept out of sight for half the first volume. But the hero must be more or less of a difficulty in such a book. When the genuine and chief interest of a novel centres in a coffin and the excitement of crime-hunting, the hero necessarily takes a secondary place in the reader's mind. We suppose this is the reason why Roland Yorke is so badly furnished with excuse for his existence. He is not, however, an unentertaining character, at any rate to those who enjoy a laugh. We are told how he went to Natal to make his fortune by selling frying-pans. But frying-pans being at the time low in the colony, they remained on his hands; and after a while Roland Yorke returned to England improved in energy but not in pocket. His descriptions of his Natal experiences, related to Lord Carrick, an Irish peer, afford full scope to the author's humour. "The earl would hold his sides laughing at Roland's lamentations for the failure and sacrifice of his frying-pans and at the reminiscences in general." His lordship quite loses his dignity as he pictures Roland sub-editor of the *Natal Mercury*, printing that journal upside down, or hiring himself out as a chemist's assistant and "half ruining his master by his hopeless inability to distinguish between senna and tincture of laudanum; so that the assistdoes indeed be supplied to the hapless customers who came rushing for them quite outweighed the profits." Even dukes would hold their sides at stories so funny and he heard funnier ones still. Fancy Roland sending in an architectural plan to compete for a public contract and forgetting to make any provision in his proposed building for a staircase! But Gerald Yorke, Roland's brother, is the *chef-d'œuvre* of the novel. In him Mrs. Wood has invented quite a new kind of villain. This worthless scoundrel is a critic of books, and especially of books of fiction. His heart is full of malice against the ladies and gentlemen who witch the world with the creations of their fancy. He affects a tone of fashion which Mrs. Wood strikingly indicates by making him say "Aw" at the beginning of every sentence, just as though he had taken lessons in high life from Mr. Bancroft of the Prince of Wales's Theatre. Roland and he meet at a large party where Roland speaks of his poverty and the shifts by which he lives, to the intense disgust of Gerald and the amusement of the company, who "shriek with merriment;" which we were not aware was commonly done amongst gentlefolk anywhere. Gerald is indeed a ruffian. He has no more heart than a stone for poor authors. He is, moreover, not easy in his circumstances. He is in debt, despite his sinecure, the blood-money, that is sent him for reviewing. So he determines to write a novel and to sell it for a large lump sum; but the immoral wretch is unable to produce anything marketable, although he is permitted to puff his performance in the leading critical journals. He submits his manuscript to Hamish Canning, a genius who is virtuous, domestic, imaginative, and consumptive. Hamish offends Gerald by pronouncing against the chances of his success; whereupon Gerald devotes him, there and then, to a series of ferocious attacks in the press. When Hamish is delivered of *his* novel Gerald falls upon him in the *Sneerer*, and in effect kills the poor man. His constitution has been previously prepared for the event, and his last agonies and the sensations preceding them are described with such harrowing detail and picturesqueness that we fancy the author in a previous stage of existence must have experienced the literary ones herself. Mrs. Wood points a moral here which we have carefully borne in mind while endeavouring to give our readers a notion of the quality of "Roland Yorke." No critic should review a work without a picture in his mind's eye of the author waiting for the verdict, surrounded by an interesting family and a sensitive wife. May we never forget this, and in time take it fully to heart. At present we feel the Old Man so strongly that we *must* say unkind things of this novel. Nothing in us that we *must* say unkind things of this novel. Nothing in us that we *must* say unkind things of this novel. Nothing in us